

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Exciting Times in the Money Market.

The Interest Rate on Stocks Averages 50 Per Cent.

The "Bears" Lock Up Nearly Five Millions of Money.

The "Bulls" Retort with a Further Advance in Stocks.

The Market Rises About 2 Per Cent.

A SLIGHT ADVANCE IN GOLD.

Government Bonds Steady and Firm.

THE SOUTHERN LIST QUIET AND IGNORED.

Heavy Imports of Foreign Dry Goods.

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THE RAILROAD BONDS.

Table with 2 columns: Bond Name and Price. Includes New York Central, Erie, and other railroad bonds.

STOCKS STRONG AND HIGHER.

The stock market was in the hands of the "bulls" from the beginning of business, and never went from their control, even when money was tightest. In fact, the more the "bears" applied the screw to the money market the more determined seemed the "bulls" to advance prices.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Lists various stocks and their current prices.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Table with 2 columns: Transaction Name and Amount. Details stock sales and their values.

GOVERNMENTS STEADY.

The government list was steady and quiet, with some improvement in the foreign quotations. The foreign quotations were a little lower, except in the one instance of the 6 1/2's, which were unchanged from yesterday.

THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.

The official report of the Illinois Central Railroad for the year 1871 contains the following summary of operations: The earnings of the line in Illinois were \$5,024,440.

CLOSING PRICES—5 O'CLOCK P. M.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity Name and Price. Lists prices for various commodities like wheat, corn, and oil.

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

Cotton Quiet and a Shade Firmer for Future Receipts at the Ports 6,305 Bales.—Cotton Firm—Wheat Active—Corn Better—Oils Unchanged—Copper Active and Higher—Iron Strong—Tin Firmer—Spirits Turpentine Steady—Wool Quiet—Wax a Shade Firmer.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5—5 P. M.

ANHER.—The market continued steady under moderate demand, both for pots and pearls. Sales of pots were made at \$3.25 a bushel. Pearls were scarce and wanted. Quoted as follows:

BUILDING MATERIALS.—The inquiry for bricks continued fair. Pale are scarce and wanted.

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ENGLAND IN A DILEMMA.

The German Press on the Alabama Question.—The Position of England—She Cannot Refuse to Pay—The Odds Against Her—Without Alliance—What Britannia Would Lose in Case of War with the United States.

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